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[REDACTED] NORTH VIETNAMESE AIR SUMMARY FOR 07/1700Z TO 08/1700Z

SEPTEMBER 1972

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((ALL TIMES ZULU)) A. SUMMARY 1. NVN AIR/AIR DEFENSE REACTION TO U.S. AIR STRIKES OVER NVN, 8 SEPTEMBER. 2. NVAF GROUND CONTROLLERS ENGAGE IN BOGUS INTERCEPT EXERCISE USING MIG-17 PBS'S. 3. NVAF IL-18 FLIES FROM HANOI TO PEICHING, CHINA. B. DETAILS 1. BETWEEN 1706 ON 7 SEPTEMBER AND 1519 ON 8 SEPTEMBER, NVN AIR SURVEILLANCE FACILITIES WERE NOTED TRACKING A MINIMUM OF 104 HOSTILES AIRCRAFT OVER NVN. THESE AIRCRAFT WERE ACTIVE IN THE AREAS OF VINH, MOC CHAU, YEN BAI, HAIPHONG, THANH HOA, NAM DINH, GIAO GIAP AND KEP. THE AIRCRAFT WERE ALSO TRACKED DURING THEIR ENTRIES AND EXITS OF NVN AIR OVER LAOS AND THE GULF OF TONKIN. BETWEEN 0256 AND 0340, THREE B-52'S WERE TRACKED IN THE DMZ AREA AND BETWEEN 0425 AND 0436, THREE B-52'S WERE TRACKED IN THE DONG HOI AREA. AT 1923, BATTALION 83 OF THE 238TH SAM REGIMENT ((HAIPHONG AREA)) LAUNCHED TWO MISSILES AT AN UNIDENTIFIED TARGET WHICH REPORTEDLY BURST INTO FLAMES. BETWEEN 0649 AND 0652, UNIDENTIFIED SAM SITE IN THE HAIPHONG AREA LAUNCHED TWO MISSILES; HOWEVER, NO RESULTS WERE NOTED. AT 0649, AN UNIDENTIFIED SAM SITE IN THE HAIPHONG AREA REPORTED LAUNCHING A MISSILE, AND SUBSEQUENTLY REPORTED SEEING A PARACHUTE. THE POSSIBLE CAPTURE OF THE PILOT WAS REPORTED AT 0730. BETWEEN 0734 AND 0738, AN UNIDENTIFIED SAM SITE IN THE KEP AREA REPORTED DOWNING ONE AIRCRAFT. AT 0738, BATTALION 84 OF THE 238TH SAM REGIMENT WAS INSTRUCTED TO SEARCH FOR THE WRECKAGE AND POSSIBLE SURVIVORS OF THE SHOOTDOWN WHICH OCCURRED AT 0734. BETWEEN 2255 AND 2324, TWO PHUC YEN-BASED MIG-21'S ENGAGED IN COMBAT; HOWEVER, NO RESULTS WERE NOTED. BETWEEN 2306 AND 2331, TWO MIG-21'S ENGAGED IN COMBAT DURING AN INTERAIRFIELD FLIGHT FROM PHUC YEN TO GIA LAM. 2. BETWEEN 0639 AND 0700, NVAF TACTICAL AIR VOICE FACILITIES REFLECTED PROBABLE BOGUS INTERCEPT EXERCISE BY NVAF GROUND CONTROLLERS USING MIG-17 PBS'S. THE FIRST MIG-17 PBS WAS NOTED AT 0639 IN CONTACT WITH THE PHUC YEN CONTROLLER. THE AIRCRAFT WERE VECTORED TO WITHIN SEVEN NM OF HOSTILE AIRCRAFT AND AT 0650, WERE INSTRUCTED TO RETURN TO BASE. AT 0700, A PILOT REPORTED PASSING OVER THE BEACON; HOWEVER, NO AIRCRAFT WERE ACTUALLY NOTED LANDING. ((SPOT, 21 VCA/R614-72, 081300Z SEP 72)) 3. FROM 2334 TO 0400, ONE NVAF IL-18/198 FLEW FROM HANOI TO PEICHING. COLLATERAL SOURCES REVEAL THAT LE DOUC THO FLEW FROM HANOI TO PEICHING ON 8 SEPTEMBER ARRIVING IN PEICHING, CHINA AT 1200H ((0400Z)). PART TWO, ROUTINE ACTIVITY A. AIR ACTIVITY 1. GIA LAM FIGHTERS DURING THE 2100 TO 0600 HOURS, FOUR MIG-21 PILOTS WERE PLACED ON STRIP ALERT. BETWEEN 2322 AND 2324, TWO MIG-21 PILOTS ENGAGED IN UNIDENTIFIED ACTIVITY. 2.

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FAMILIARIZATION FLIGHTS IN THE KEP AREA. XXHH 900 #8671 NNNH

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